



Parish Office: C/o Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre, Olivers Meadow, Westergate, PO20 3YA



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Dear Claire

Application BN/11/22/OUT

With reference to the above application and in support of the response already made by Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council, as part of the application falls within the Parish of Aldingbourne our comments are as follows:-

- There is nothing within the outline plan that provides any reassurances that the infrastructure is in place to accommodate such a large development or if indeed the proposed changes to the A27 and A29 will ever happen. The costs are already spiralling out of control, and it is felt that it is unlikely that funding will be found at the level that is now needed.
- Figures for housing within the Highways England report is inaccurate and does not report on the huge amount of unsustainable traffic within the area. All these points were raised by the Chairman of BE PC and sent to the Advisory Group and Michael Gove to which there has been no answers provided.
- Aldingbourne Parish Council is adamant that this should not go ahead until the road is in place first. We were also disappointed that there has been no consultation within the Parish on this application or the impact it will have on our Parish, and it is felt that any possible inking up of the Parishes will happen without prior knowledge and would be in direct contradiction to our Neighbourhood Plan.
- There has been no attempt to look at any climate change concerns, to consider the carbon footprint of the area, or to include any sustainable heating sources. It is important that for the proposed BEW development that the entire site must be considered as a single entity and not as individual planning applications.
- For the record the water supply around Aldingbourne is from Portsmouth Water, Southern Water supply the Horsham Area (and others) and it has recently been in the press that the water level at Pulborough Brooks and other points in the Arun Valley is

dropping because Southern is extracting too much water for drinking purposes in new developments <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/water-neutrality-in-horsham-district>

- All the proposed BEW Development not just an individual planning application must be Water Neutral, and evidence that this will be achieved must be provided. Rising sea level may make the situation critical here because it may contaminate water from the aquifer used for the water supply round here.
- We understand that CDC Ecology are unable to comment on the submitted Ecological Assessment and that Arun must get the submitted document peer reviewed. It is not acceptable to take the submission without expert review.
- It is obvious that the water company cannot cope with the sewerage that is being generated in the district, and once again further afield in the Southeast as is witnessed by the unprecedented number of discharges, they have made into our water courses and the sea. Sewerage that is not altogether properly treated and is polluting to the extent of being harmful to wildlife.
- We note that the cricket pitch is still included in the design and was 50:50 feeling in the public consultation. A sports pitch of another design could be included that does not need floodlights and could still protect the views from the church. Our concern is that the Cricket club may not accept the offer of a new pitch, and the land then reverts to open space, and a sports facility has been lost. Cricket is not massively popular and is not as inclusive to those on lower incomes, as say, football is.
- There is no provision of allotments in the design.
- the road cutting across the open space (towards the Cala Homes site) should not be included until there is more certainty on this development. This whole area of open space would be enhanced without a road.

Yours sincerely

Marie Singleton
Parish Clerk